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CHANGE IN THE MODE OF PAYMENT IN I.P.O.
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to bring a change, in the mode of payment in the country in the Indian Post offices;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Indian Post Offices have started prepaid card, master card facilities in some of the States;

(d) if so, the details of the States where such facilities have been started;

(e) the time by which faclities are likely to be provided in all the post offices;

(f) whether Government have launched any public awareness programme in rural areas and has given wide publicity for this programme for maximum utilization of this facility; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) to (g): The Post Office is planning to provide card based cashless payment solutions to its customers and to this end it proposes to launch pre-paid cards in selected cities which have existing infrastructure for card acceptance. Awareness campaigns will also be undertaken along with the launch of the product to facilitate its usage.